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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in November is 126 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 6 percent from last year and 4 percent from two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 125 percent of the base, is up 3 percent from November 2003 and the All Livestock Index, at 130 percent, is up 16 percent from last year. November indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

Prices Received by Farmers, November 2004

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Nov 2004
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	
		--- Dollars ---			--- Dollars ---			- Dollars -
Wheat, All	Bu	3.66	3.36	3.49	3.61	3.44	3.51	10.10
Durum	Bu	3.94	3.84	3.75	3.95	3.89	3.75	---
Other Spring	Bu	3.62	3.28	3.45	3.68	3.51	3.62	---
Winter	Bu	3.43	2.63	2.80	3.56	3.34	3.39	---
Corn	Bu	2.04	2.21	2.15	2.20	2.15	2.00	6.77
Rye	Bu	---	1.29	---	---	---	---	6.30
Oats	Bu	1.13	1.11	1.15	1.29	1.45	1.36	3.94
Barley, All	Bu	2.73	1.98	2.05	2.83	2.29	2.42	6.71
Feed	Bu	1.98	1.42	1.40	2.43	1.57	1.75	---
Malting	Bu	2.84	2.36	2.40	3.03	2.74	2.78	---
Sunflower, All	Cwt	11.80	12.90	13.10	11.50	12.40	13.20	---
Oil	Cwt	10.60	11.90	11.90	---	---	---	---
Non-oil	Cwt	15.30	17.50	17.70	---	---	---	---
Baled Hay, All ^{1/}	Ton	51.00	59.00	57.00	81.50	89.80	86.20	---
Alfalfa ^{1/}	Ton	57.00	65.00	62.00	86.80	97.80	94.00	---
Other ^{1/}	Ton	40.00	44.00	46.00	67.50	68.60	67.80	---
Canola	Cwt	10.90	10.40	---	---	---	---	---
Flaxseed	Bu	6.02	7.36	8.80	6.02	7.36	8.80	13.00
Soybeans	Bu	6.75	6.05	5.90	7.05	5.56	5.31	15.90
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	15.20	23.80	29.00	19.10	24.50	27.20	52.10
Navy	Cwt	15.50	19.50	---	---	---	---	---
Pinto	Cwt	14.80	24.90	---	---	---	---	---
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.00	5.40	5.50	5.46	4.73	4.98	15.20
Fresh ^{2/}	Cwt	5.15	6.10	---	6.84	5.39	---	---
Processing	Cwt	4.80	5.00	---	4.85	4.50	---	---
Beef Cattle	Cwt	80.70	101.00	97.00	93.40	86.10	84.20	170.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	98.70	111.00	112.00	99.90	91.00	89.10	---
Cows	Cwt	47.30	52.10	52.10	47.70	49.90	48.60	---
Calves	Cwt	110.00	126.00	126.00	111.00	126.00	124.00	228.00
Sheep	Cwt	40.00	40.00	---	40.50	40.70	---	83.90
Lambs	Cwt	102.00	100.00	---	99.70	98.20	---	202.00
Hogs	Cwt	37.60	53.70	---	34.70	52.10	55.30	105.00

^{1/} Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. ^{2/} Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

Index Numbers of Farm Prices, November 2004

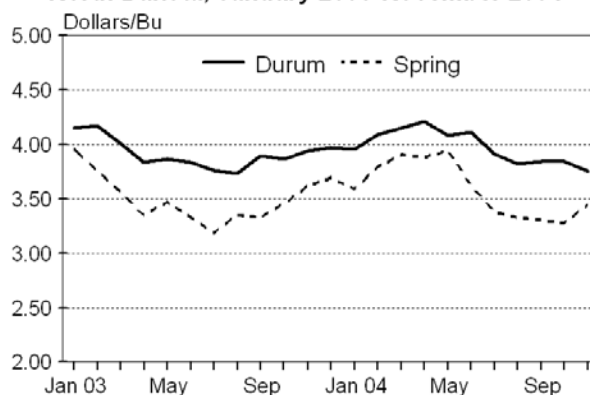
Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	119	125	126	116	113	114
Crops	121	125	125	115	110	110
Food Grains	129	121	123	116	114	116
Feed Grains & Hay	115	110	109	99	96	90
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	128	127	131	122	97	96
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	101	135	134	95	89	97
Livestock	112	128	130	117	117	118
Meat Animals	115	133	136	116	118	117
Dairy Products	98	98	98	110	119	121
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	98	99	99	124	115	118
Prices Paid	---	---	---	129	135	134
Ratio ^{4/}	---	---	---	90	84	85

^{1/} Includes non-oil sunflower. ^{2/} North Dakota includes sugarbeets. ^{3/} United States excludes wool. ^{4/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.

United States

The All Farm Products Index is 114 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 1 percent from the October index but down 2 percent from the November 2003 index. The All Crops Index is 110, unchanged from October but down 4 percent from November 2003. The Livestock and Products Index, at 118, is up 1 percent from last month and November 2003.

Durum & Other Spring Wheat Prices Received North Dakota, January 2003-November 2004



MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES

North Dakota

The 2003 Marketing Year Average (MYA) prices for corn, soybeans, flaxseed, non-oil sunflower, and all dry edible beans were all above their 2002 prices. The MYA price for corn, at \$2.37 per bushel; soybeans, at \$6.62 per bushel; and flaxseed, at \$5.88 per bushel, were at their highest levels since 1996. The non-oil sunflower price, at \$15.70 per hundredweight (cwt), was at its highest level since records were kept starting in 1967. The MYA price for all dry edible beans was \$16.10 per cwt, up from \$14.30 per cwt in 2002 but down from \$20.40 in 2001.

Late Season Crops, Marketing Year Average Prices

Item	Unit	North Dakota		United States	
		2002	2003	2002	2003
		- - - Dollars per Unit - - -			
Corn	Bu	2.16	2.37	2.32	2.42
Soybeans	Bu	5.32	6.62	5.53	7.34
Flaxseed	Bu	5.77	5.88	5.23	5.88
Sunflower, All	Cwt	12.10	12.20	12.10	12.10
Oil	Cwt	11.60	11.30	11.70	11.30
Non Oil	Cwt	13.80	15.70	13.70	15.20
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	14.30	16.10	17.10	18.40
Navy ^{1/}	Cwt	14.00	17.00	---	---
Pinto ^{1/}	Cwt	14.40	15.70	---	---
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt	6.70	6.54	7.78	7.63
Lentils	Cwt	11.10	15.00	14.30	17.20
Potatoes, All	Cwt	6.25	5.45	6.67	5.89
Fresh	Cwt	8.65	4.70	9.59	7.49
Processing	Cwt	5.15	5.50	5.16	5.09

^{1/} U.S. level not published for navy and pinto beans.



North Dakota

Spring tillage and early planting progress for 2004 was generally ahead of both last year and the five-year average (1999-2003). Warm, dry April weather encouraged an average starting date for fieldwork of April 14, ahead of the average of April 22. Starting dates varied from April 4 in the southwest district to April 24 in the northeast district.

By the second week of April, planting of most crops had begun, ahead of the average. Planting and emergence for most crops stayed ahead of the average until late in May. Heavy rains and cool temperatures throughout the northern and eastern areas in late May slowed planting progress. Freezing temperatures damaged some emerged crops in mid-May. As of June 6, 96 percent of the spring wheat crop and 98 percent of the corn crop had been planted, near the average pace. However, durum wheat was 77 percent planted, 13 percentage points behind the average. Planting progress for most other crops was virtually complete.

Crop conditions during June were rated below the five-year average. Small grain conditions improved to near average during July, while late season crops remained below average. Widespread frost was reported over much of the state during the week ending August 22.

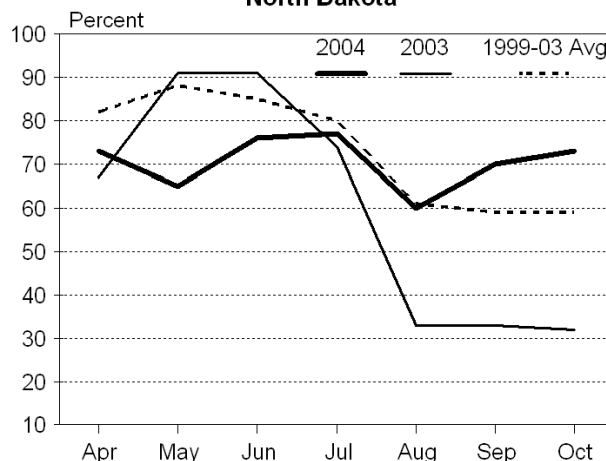
Small grain harvest conditions remained cool and damp most of August, September and October. By August 15, oats, barley, spring wheat and durum wheat were only 27, 20, 13 and 5 percent complete respectively, well behind the previous year and the average. Durum wheat harvest continued until early November and finished four weeks behind normal.

A killing frost blanketed the state during the first weekend of October and halted late season crop development. For the week ending October 3, only 17 percent of the corn was mature, compared to 90 percent on average. Soybeans were 85 percent mature with leaves dropping compared to 98 percent on average. Sunflower was 36 percent bracts turned brown compared to 84 percent on average.

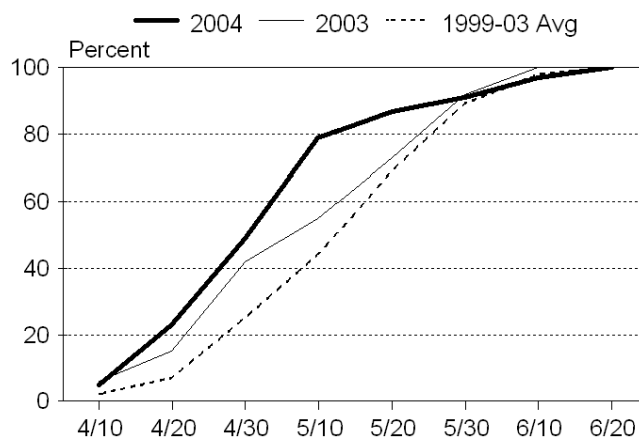
Fall rains and crop maturity issues also slowed late season crop harvest. Dry edible beans, soybeans, and flaxseed were nearly complete by November 14. Corn and sunflower harvest continued into December after wet soils froze.

The northern, central and eastern areas experienced wet soil conditions throughout much of the season, while the southwest was very dry. Topsoil moisture supplies were below average in April and May, followed by a near average pattern from June through August and then increased through the fall. By October 31, topsoil moisture supplies were rated 79 percent adequate to surplus compared to the average of 60 percent.

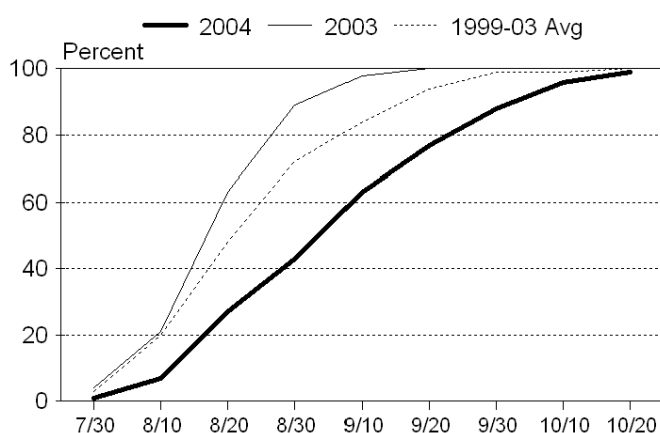
Topsoil Moisture Supplies
Percent Rated Adequate to Surplus
North Dakota



Hard Red Spring Wheat Planting Progress
North Dakota



Hard Red Spring Wheat Harvesting Progress
North Dakota



DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) for October was 746 million pounds, 0.8 percent above October 2003 and 4.2 percent above September 2004.

American type cheese production for October totaled 311 million pounds, 2.0 percent above October 2003 and 5.4 percent above September 2004.

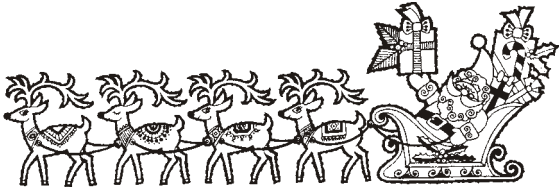
Butter production was 103 million pounds in October, 6.4 percent above October 2003 and 11.8 percent above September 2004.

- Frozen dessert: (October 2004 comparisons with October 2003)
- ◆ Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 68.5 million gallons, down 1.9 percent.
 - ◆ Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 30.2 million gallons, up 10.3 percent.
 - ◆ Ice cream, Nonfat (hard) --- 1.66 million gallons, down 1.1 percent.
 - ◆ Sherbet (hard) --- 3.58 million gallons, down 3.1 percent.
 - ◆ Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 4.82 million gallons, down 8.7 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with October 2003)

- ◆ 94.6 million pounds, down 11.5 percent.

- Dry whey products: (comparisons with October 2003)
- ◆ Dry whey, human --- 74.6 million pounds, down 7.7 percent.
 - ◆ Dry whey, animal --- 5.71 million pounds, up 7.9 percent.
 - ◆ Dry whey, total --- 80.3 million pounds, down 6.8 percent.



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	<u>Date</u>	<u>CST</u>
Crop Production	Dec. 10	7:30 a.m.
Potato Stocks	Dec. 15	2:00 p.m.
Hogs & Pigs	Dec. 28	2:00 p.m.
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